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PREFACES



H.E. Mr. Damiano Beleffi

This inspirational book brings a message of hope for all the children of the world.

In its first 15 years of activities, the Associazione San Marino for the Children onlus was able to transform the lives of thousands of children in Malawi.

Thanks to the support of donors who share the same ideal of solidarity, this Sammarinese NGO established six elementary schools within the territory of Malawi providing education to almost 12,000 children.

This great achievement, among others realized by the Associazione San Marino for the Children onlus, shows unequivocally how the goodwill of a small group of people can make the difference in places characterized by extreme poverty and also lay the foundation of a better future.

In a time when our world is experiencing a global learning crisis that is depriving hundreds of millions of children and young people of their right to education, the work of this Sammarinese NGO must be indicated as an example of best practice.

By bringing Education to Malawi, the Associazione San Marino for the Children onlus creates at the same time the conditions for Peace, Tolerance, Human Rights and Sustainable Development and, thanks to the great work of its volunteers, it continues ideally the tradition of solidarity of the Republic of San Marino.

**H.E. Mr. Damiano Beleffi - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the - Republic of San Marino to the United Nations**



Dr. Sergio Dompé

This book tells us more about the first 15 years of activity of the organization San Marino for the children. Its history takes root in the experience made in the Balkans by Marino Angelo Forcellini in the 90s. It talks about his ability to pass on his excitement and his desire to work hard to that group of friends which later on would have created the Sammarinese NPO.

The idea and the meeting of those sympathetic and hard-working people gave life to an impactful project that nowadays allows nearly 12 thousand students to regularly go to school and build their future inside the communities they live in.

The outcome is simply incredible: on the other side of the world, a tiny harmonious organization started its humanitarian aid from its great boldness and was able to give faith to so many people.

It is not the first time that something like this happens. We can find the seed of this history planted in an even more distant past. For example, in the solidarity that the mount Titano could express during the darkest years of the second world war when the citizens of the republic welcomed to their homes thousands of refugees.

In this huge expression of generosity, I see a red thread that ties the past and present of San Marino with great consistency. A tradition that throws us to a future full of strong values deeply-seated in the heart of every citizen of the glorious Republic that I proudly represent.

Sergio Dompé
Consul of San Marino in Milan

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the local context in which a project is implemented. This involves a thorough analysis of the social, cultural, and economic factors that may influence the success or failure of the intervention. It is essential to engage with the community from the outset, ensuring that their voices are heard and their needs are met. This participatory approach not only fosters a sense of ownership and commitment among the community members but also allows for the identification of potential challenges and the development of strategies to address them.

The second part of the paper explores the role of leadership in driving change. Effective leaders are those who are able to inspire and motivate others, to set a clear vision, and to take decisive action. They are also skilled in building strong relationships and in fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation. Leadership is not a static role; it evolves over time and is shaped by the needs and circumstances of the community. Therefore, it is important to invest in leadership development and to provide ongoing support and training for leaders at all levels.

The third part of the paper examines the importance of monitoring and evaluation in assessing the impact of the intervention. This involves the collection and analysis of data to measure the progress of the project and to identify areas for improvement. Monitoring and evaluation should be a continuous process, involving the community in the collection and interpretation of data. This not only ensures that the project remains relevant and responsive to the needs of the community but also provides a basis for learning and for the dissemination of best practices.

In conclusion, the paper emphasizes the need for a holistic and participatory approach to community development. This involves a deep understanding of the local context, strong leadership, and a commitment to monitoring and evaluation. By working together, the community and external stakeholders can create a sustainable and positive impact on the lives of the people they serve.

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In addition, the paper highlights the need for clear communication and transparency throughout the project lifecycle. Regular updates and open dialogue with stakeholders are crucial for maintaining their interest and support. It is also important to establish a system for monitoring and evaluation, allowing for the timely identification of challenges and the implementation of corrective measures. By fostering a culture of accountability and continuous improvement, the project can better adapt to changing conditions and achieve its intended goals.

Finally, the paper emphasizes the importance of sustainability. Projects should be designed with a long-term perspective, ensuring that the benefits they generate are maintained even after the external support has ended. This can be achieved through capacity building, the establishment of local institutions, and the promotion of self-reliance. By empowering the community and creating a sense of ownership, the project can leave a lasting positive impact on the lives of the people it serves.



THE STORY CONTINUES

by Marco Mazza
President of "San Marino for the Children"

The late **Marino Forcellini** – Founding President of "San Marino for the Children" – often said that every project is like building a house.

The construction of a home is the result of many bricks that are laid with patience and love. In this case, the bricks are made of hope, and are born from the daily efforts and joys of a love that doesn't know boundaries or divisions. Bricks that are made to be shared and that can change lives, when we find the strength to place them side by side.

Marino often repeated this to us, and we have seen it come true in the past fifteen years. For this reason, we have entrusted the flag of the Republic of San Marino in each of our projects, to honor and remember all the friends who have decided to accompany us on this long journey, donating their "brick".

Despite all the hardships, our story goes on thanks to our common commitment to continue to build together a fairer future.

Thank you all. Thank you with all my heart

Opening of the Matola School

left to right, Marco Mazza, Stefano Ferri, Marino Forcellini

ABOUT US

The “San Marino for the Children” non-profit organization was established the 19th of April 2007. The founder and first President of the organization (from 2007 to 2019, the year of his death) was Marino Forcellini, who was awarded the San Marino Prize in 2009 for his tireless dedication to the poorest children in the world.

“San Marino for the Children” was established to promote and protect the rights of minors, according to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC); specifically, the organization is focused on the development of projects aimed at promoting basic education and primary school education in the poorest areas of Malawi.

“San Marino for the Children” is 100% run by volunteers; all funding received is entirely directed towards its solidarity projects.

Project funding is sourced from supporters and friends of the organization.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The construction and renovation of educational facilities allow for an increase in the number of children who can access basic education, facilitating their attendance and improving learning outcomes.



SUPPLY OF SCHOOL MATERIALS

Free access to materials and teaching equipment simplifies and improves all literacy and primary education programs.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS

Sponsorship or long-distance adoption programs have been especially designed to help orphaned children access education, supporting their entire schooling.



RELIEF PROJECTS FOR THE POOREST AND MOST MARGINALIZED CHILDREN



BIOGRAPHY OF MARINO ANGELO FORCELLINI

Marino Angelo Forcellini, born in **San Marino in 1939**, spent his youth in the Republic of San Marino. In 1962, Marino emigrated, first in France and then in the United States, finding employment as a construction worker. While abroad, he marries Tosca and from their marriage two children are born, Marzia and Angelo.

In the 1970s, Marino and Tosca return to San Marino looking for a quieter environment in which to raise their children. In the 1990s, the Balkan tragedy touches the heart of Marino who, as a Red Cross volunteer, organizes the construction of a hospital in Albania with the help of local workers. In 1998, at only 28 years of age, his son Angelo dies in a car accident.

Marino Forcellini and Tosca Pasqualini, his wife



Marino and Tosca find the strength to survive the loss of their son Angelo also thanks to the friendship that was born with the **“Noi Per Zambia” non-profit organization in Carpegna (PU)**, an association that has been carrying out international solidarity projects for children in Zambia for many years. Marino and Tosca therefore decide to start a project in Zambia in memory of their son, Angelo. In **2006**, thanks to Marino and Tosca's efforts and savings, the **“Noi Per Zambia”** organization, and the work of many friends that have decided to support their initiative, the **“Villaggio Angelo”** is born. The “village” is a large building located in the poorest suburb of Luanshya which includes a large primary school for more than 1.000 children, houses for the teachers, as well as a nutritional center and a health clinic.

In 2007, thanks to the experience gained in Zambia with the “Villaggio Angelo”, **Marino establishes the “San Marino for the Children” non-profit organization**, of which he immediately becomes President and with which he begins to take an interest in new solidarity projects in Malawi, another very poor African country.

In 2009, Marino Forcellini was the recipient of the prestigious **“Premio San Marino”** prize, awarded by the “Cassa di Faetano” for San Marino citizens who have honored the name of the Republic of San Marino through their work.

According to the Evaluation Committee, Forcellini was deemed worthy of the Award **“for the moral and organizational qualities demonstrated through the various phases of his exemplary life”**.

Marino Forcellini left us in August 2019, and after a few months – in January 2020 – his daughter, Marzia Forcellini – a volunteer of San Marino for the Children – also left us prematurely due to an incurable disease. The memory of Marino and Marzia remain with us forever and their life-long commitment to helping the poor continues to live on in the organization's projects.



**Marino Forcellini
and Marzia Forcellini**



**Marino Forcellini interviewed
by Carmen Lasorella**







AREAS OF OPERATION

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world; 20% of the country's population lives in extreme poverty (defined as the inability to meet basic food needs) and 70.3% of the population lives below the international poverty line, set at \$1.90 per day. 18.1 million people live in Malawi and 60% of the population is under the age of 18.



Only 44%
of girls over
the age of 14
pursue
their studies



More than 40%
of children
are unable
to regularly
attend school



Girls who can't
go to school
statistically
get married
by the age
of 15



61% of children
suffer from
the poverty caused
by education,
water,
and nutrition



Only 50%
of students
finish primary
school



More than 1,5
million children
aged between
5 and 13
are involved
in child labor



The low
educational
level compromise
the growth
and wellness
of children



Tunisia

Morocco

Algeria

Libya

Egypt

Sahara
Western

Mauritania

Mali

Niger

Chad

Sudan

Eritrea

Ethiopia

South Sudan

Somalia

Kenya

Tanzania

Mozambique

Madagascar

Angola

Zambia

Zimbabwe

Namibia

Botswana

Swaziland

Lesotho

South Africa

Central
African Republic

Nigeria

Cameroon

Democratic
Republic
of the Congo

Senegal

Gambia

Guinea

THE SPEECH OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE CAPTAINS REGENT ON THE ORGANIZATION'S 10th ANNIVERSARY

On April 24th 2017, the "San Marino for the Children" volunteers have been invited by Their Excellencies the Captains Regent Mimma Zavoli and Vanessa d'Ambrosio, and by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Professor **Nicola Renzi**, to celebrate the organization's 10th anniversary.

**The Board of Directors and the volunteers
of "San Marino for the Children"
with Their Excellencies the Captains Regent**





During his speech, Professor Nicola Renzi highlighted the importance of non-profit organizations for the Republic of San Marino, **“particularly aimed at those, like Marino Forcellini and the rest of the volunteers, who work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of others”**.

During their speech, Their Excellencies the Captains Regent expressed how “within the actions and projects carried out by San Marino for the Children, one is able to see the physical manifestation of the helping spirit which has contributed to render great our little Republic. Your compassion has crossed the borders of San Marino to reach far lands, where unfortunately many children live below the poverty line and where the principles contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child remain largely unimplemented.

Driven by the need to do something about these inequalities, the commitment to help the children of Malawi was born, and with it, concrete initiatives that, thanks to the great moral strength and selflessness of **Angelo Marino Forcellini, founder and life of the organization, have progressively involved more and more Sammarinese citizens”**.



Their Excellencies the Captains Regent and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino Professor Nicola Renzi with the Board of Directors and the volunteers of “San Marino for the Children”

THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE CAPTAINS REGENT'S VISIT IN MALAWI IN 2018

In August 2018, we were honored with the visit to **Malawi** by Their Excellencies the Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino **H.E. Stefano Palmieri and H.E. Matteo Ciacchi** who wanted to attend the inauguration of the **"Graziani Graziana" school in Balaka, together with Marzia Forcellini of "San Marino for the Children"**.

This is certainly a historic visit; it is the first time that Their Excellencies the Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino visit Malawi.

Their visit is an important sign of interest and support with regards to the poverty hitting this African state, an acknowledgement at institutional level of the results achieved with our organization's projects, made possible **thanks to all the efforts of the many benefactors and friends of San Marino**.

On the occasion, Their Excellencies the Captains Regent paid a visit to all the main projects that "San Marino for the Children" has carried out in its ten years of commitment in favor of the poorest and most abandoned children in Malawi.

A visit from the highest institutions of the Republic of San Marino, H.E. Stefano Palmieri and H.E. Matteo Ciacchi, was an important sign of interest, humility, and care towards the least fortunate. When a small Republic like **San Marino** promotes these principles, it becomes a great state, with its glorious history of peace and freedom.



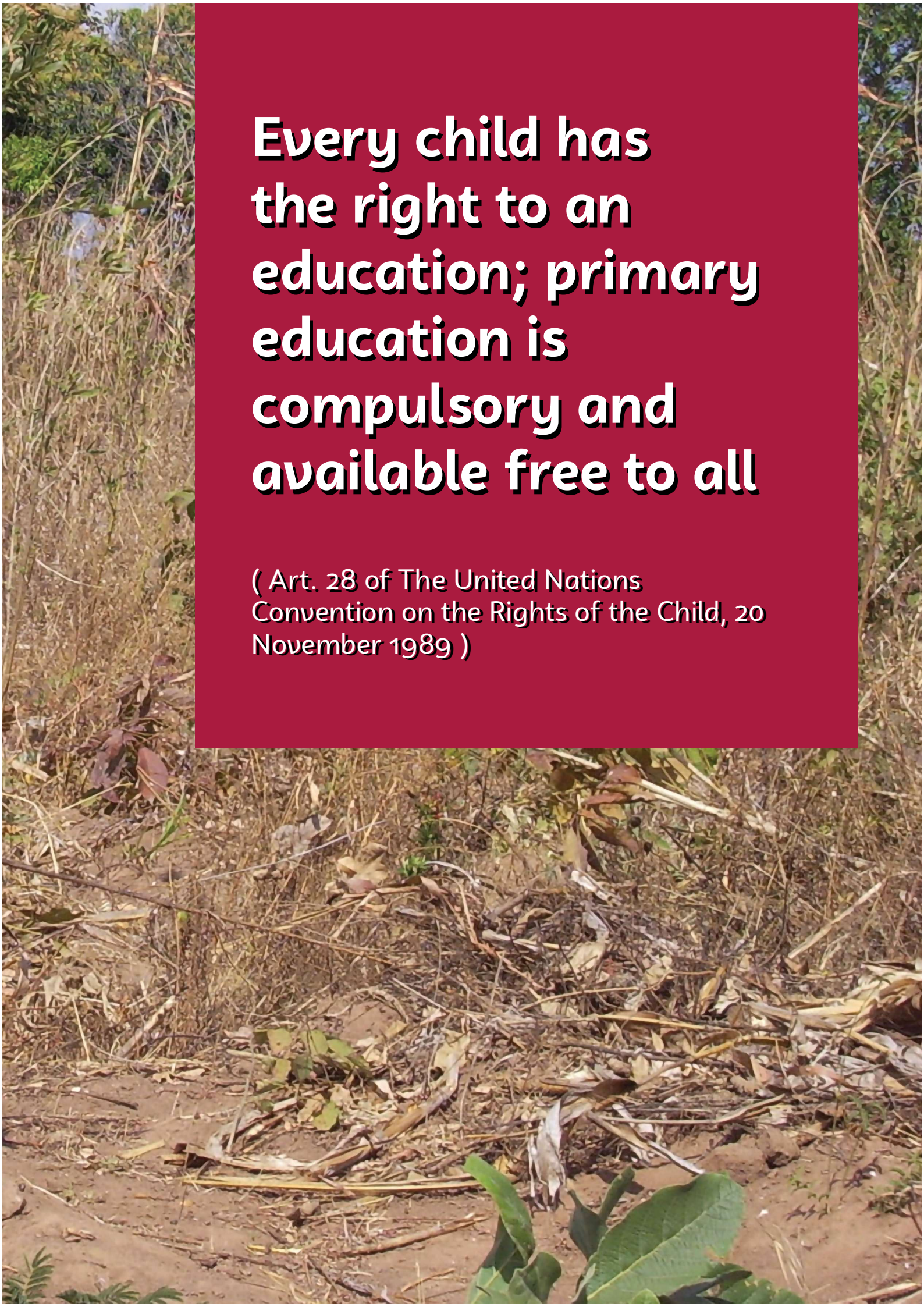
Their Excellencies Stefano Palmieri
and Matteo Ciacci visiting Malawi
with Marzia Forcellini



**Their Excellencies Stefano Palmieri and Matteo Ciacchi
at the opening of the Graziani Graziana School in Bataka**







**Every child has
the right to an
education; primary
education is
compulsory and
available free to all**

(Art. 28 of The United Nations
Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20
November 1989)





MATOLA

Matola is a village located on the outskirts of Balaka, about 7 kilometers from the city center. It is a densely populated suburb and a transit area for many people who travel daily from the surrounding rural areas to the district's main buildings (the hospital, the food and pharmaceutical dispensaries, etc.).

Due to the social context it is in, the village of Matola has had very limited development opportunities.

In 2009, after various inspections, our attention was therefore focused on this village. This suburb of the city of Balaka was deemed to be the area with the greatest basic needs, in which a large number of children lived in conditions of extreme poverty.

“San Marino for the Children” has therefore created a nursery school in Matola; after two years of work, the structure was opened in 2012, providing food and sanitation support for about 250 children.

The Matola nursery school plays a primary role in:



FOOD PROVISION

Available statistics indicate that the majority of deaths affecting preschool children (0 - 6 years) in Malawi are due to malnutrition and nutritional problems. In order to avoid these tragedies, the school offers all children a full meal free of charge every day.



SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SERVICES

The nursery school helps parents protect their children from all dangers. Improvements are also made with regards to their sanitary conditions.



EDUCATION

The nursery school helps children acquire basic knowledge and learning skills which in turn facilitate their primary school education, thus fostering their course of study.

The building consists of six classrooms, a cafeteria, as well as water and sanitary facilities; it has been equipped with large colorful and bright spaces for the harmonious and adequate growth of children.

The primary beneficiaries of this project are therefore Malawian children of preschool age (2 - 6 years old) which currently live in some of the world's worst conditions of poverty.

ACHIEVEMENTS



250

Children are welcomed every day in this school



Nutrition; snacks and a meal available to everyone



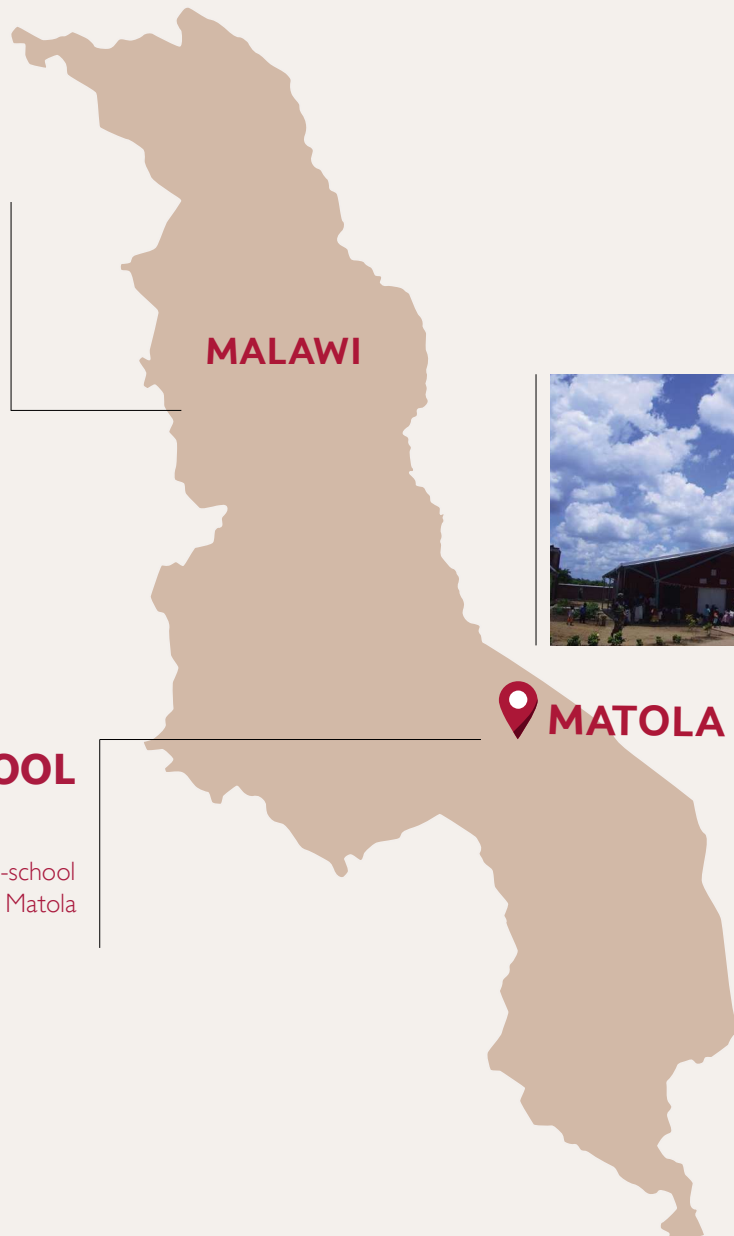
Drinking water accessible to all



Housing for teachers



Desks and chairs in all classrooms and school supplies



PRE-SCHOOL

Construction of a pre-school in 2012 in Matola







STAMPS

To celebrate the opening of the pre-school in Matola, the Republic of San Marino issued a series of stamps dedicated to the "San Marino for the Children" non-profit organization.



CHIKALA

The Chikala primary school

Located in southern Malawi, **50 kilometers from Zomba, Chikala Hill mountain sits next to the Chaone mountain.**

The village located on the **Chikala** mountain does not have connecting roads that can be travelled by vehicles; the only way that leads to the first urban center is a 2-hour long path that can only be travelled on foot.

After reaching the village of Chikala, another 10 kilometers have to be travelled in order to reach the first residential center, the town of Malosa.

In front of the Chikala mountain and bordering Mozambique, the large swamp of Lake **Chirwa** can be found.

More than **100 families** live on the Chikala mountain; it is therefore a population of over a thousand people.

Saving the mountain is essential to prevent the population from moving to the slums of the city where their condition will only worsen.

In such an isolated village, with no infrastructural links, living conditions are very difficult and precarious.

No child from this village had the opportunity to access primary school, the walking path being too difficult for young children to bear.

Children old enough to travel to the nearest school had to be at least **10 years old**, an unsuitable age to access the first grade.

The educational level of the mountain was therefore highly insufficient, penalizing almost all adolescents; the girls were given in marriage and the boys sent to work in the fields.

The lack of general education prevented any kind of change to occur in the whole Chikala mountain, where more than 300 school-age boys and girls live.

In 2014, "San Marino for the Children" – with the support of the "Gruppo del Conca" – built Chikala's first primary school.

The cement and lime for the school were all transported on foot; there was no way of transporting goods with vehicles and therefore everything was done with the help and work of the residents of the village.

A total of nine rooms were built: eight classrooms and an office for teachers and for the storage of books and school supplies.

The building also includes toilets and access to drinking water, as well as housing for the teachers.

Subsequently – again with the help and support of the Gruppo del Conca – a mill and a professional school of agriculture were built, to train and give adequate support to the growth of the village.

The school can accommodate about 300 school-aged children; it is the beginning of a new story for this village that will no longer see a future of marginalization for its youth, but new hopes and possibilities.

ACHIEVEMENTS



300

Children are welcomed every day in this school



Desks and chairs in all classrooms and school supplies



Drinking water accessible to all



Housing for teachers



**Marco Mazza with Father
Piergiorgio Gamba in the village of Chikala**





KANKAO

The primary school in Kankao

Following several inspections, in **September 2014**, we have identified the reconstruction of the primary school in the **village of Kankao** as a priority project.

The village of Kankao is the main village of a very large area, made up of 110 smaller villages with a total population of about 24,000 residents. A community of Montfortian missionary friars and missionary nuns from the “Palazzolo” Institute of Bergamo are present in the village. With infinite love and inexhaustible patience these missionaries dedicate their lives to orphaned and disabled children and provide medical care in the hospital they’ve built there.

The Kankao primary school was made up of various buildings – built in different years – used by **1,504 students, an excessive number in relation to the structure’s capacity** (some classrooms hosted more than 130 students). In addition, in various parts of the building there were serious cracks and misalignments of the perimeter walls, extremely dangerous for the safety of students and teachers.

In order to make the structure suitable for the students, we have identified as essential the demolition and subsequent reconstruction and expansion of the three central buildings, as well as the construction of desks and chairs, and the supply of teaching materials.

In **April 2016**, we completed the renovation and handed over a completely new and refurbished school to the over **1,500 students of Kankao**. Rebuilding this structure means supporting 1,504 young people create a better future for themselves and their families.

ACHIEVEMENTS



1504

Children are welcomed every day in this school



Desks and chairs in all classrooms and school supplies



Drinking water accessible to all



MALAWI



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building of a primary school in Kankao between 2012 and 2016

KANKAO





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kwawa
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BALAKA

The "Graziani Graziana" primary school in Balaka

The origin of this new project, made possible thanks to the support of the **Graziani Graziana Foundation**, is strongly correlated to the experience that "San Marino for the Children" has gained in the reconstruction of the **primary school in Kankao**.

Based on the positive experience in Kankao (where the attendance and the number of students have immediately increased due to the renovation of the building), the school project named after "Graziani Graziana" took its first steps in Balaka.

Originally located on the road between Balaka and Kankao, the old school was too small to accommodate all the local students. The building's poor conditions, together with the mostly inadequate and unsafe facilities, had made all the spaces unsafe, cramped, and unhealthy. As a result, many students in the school failed to pass their yearly exams.

In **August 2017**, the renovation and expansion work of the school kicked off; eight classrooms were created dividing the renovated structure into two blocks of four classrooms each. In the middle, a library and additional classrooms were built with enough space for all students. Additionally, a well was built in order to provide students with drinking water and suitable toilets. Finally, houses for the teachers were built to guarantee continuity of presence and teaching in the structure.

On the 22nd of August 2018, Their Excellencies the Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino H.E. Stefano Palmieri and H.E. Matteo Ciacchi, together with Marzia Forcellini – from "San Marino for the Children" – and the missionary Father Piergiorgio Gamba, inaugurated this brand-new construction named after Mrs. Graziani Graziana.

ACHIEVEMENTS



2500

Children are welcomed every day in this school



Desks and chairs in all classrooms and school supplies



Drinking water accessible to all



Housing for teachers



MALAWI



LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Construction of a primary school in Balaka in 2017

BALAKA







BAZALE

The Bazale school

In 1915, when the school in **Balaka** had not yet been built, the Montfortan missionaries of Utale arrived at the district of Bazale with the intention of building a school. After laying the groundwork and commencing construction, the missionaries moved to Balaka, leaving the small school unfinished.

After years of improvements, the school expanded and the Bazale Full Primary School currently enrolls 2,000 students from Grade 1 to Grade 8.

The school is located at the center of nine villages which, in time, grew to be large and densely populated, and the building was soon too small to accommodate everyone.

The school was in a state of ruin; the twelve classrooms lacked floors, had very low ventilation and unsteady walls. During the years, the parents and teachers did their best to guarantee schooling for Bazale's 3,000 students, ultimately trying to expand the building themselves, with little success.

For years, Bazale's students were forced to endure humiliating conditions; how could anyone be motivated to pursue their dreams in a similar situation?

"San Marino for the Children" prioritized Bazale's case, and construction work for a new school officially commenced at the beginning of 2019.

The existing building was completely refurbished, and four new classrooms were built, as well as a library, an office for the teachers and a storage room.

In addition, the building was equipped with electricity, drinking water and new sanitary facilities.

The new school in Bazale was opened on October 22nd 2020 thanks to the generosity of the organization's donors, without which the completion of this project would not have been possible.

ACHIEVEMENTS



3000

Children are welcomed every day in this school



Drinking water accessible to all



Desks and chairs in all classrooms and school supplies



Sports ground



Housing for teachers











BAZALE-MALAWI

MA
ME

BURNING

MPONDA

The "Graziani Graziana" primary school in Mponda"

The project for the years **2021-2022** was born in collaboration with the Graziani Graziana Foundation: **the objective was the construction of the new primary school in the village of Mponda.**

Back in **1943**, the Montfortian missionaries had built a school in this small village; then, with the subsequent construction of the road and the railway, Mponda developed enormously, becoming a very populated village. **The result of the increase in population meant that most of the classrooms built in 1943 had become unhealthy, unsafe, and generally too small to accommodate the school's 4,300 students.**

"San Marino for the Children" considered the intervention on this structure a priority; with this project, it was possible to renovate the existing structures and build ten new classrooms based on the example of the "Graziani Graziana" school in Balaka.

First, a set of retaining walls was built to stop the erosion of the rains which had impacted the old foundations over the years. Secondly, new houses were designed for the teachers and new toilets were built for the children in the school.

The experience gained with the refurbishment of the two primary schools in Balaka taught us that renovating and improving schools have a direct influence on students' educational achievements. **The number of children who failed to pass their exams at the Graziani Graziana school in Balaka and Bazale decreased by 30%... an exceptional result!**

Thanks to the precious contribution and support of the homonymous Foundation, the new primary school in Mponda was created and named after "Graziani Graziana". By creating a more welcoming, friendly, safe environment, school children in the area will be able to thrive and attain better learning outcomes, and hopefully, a better future.

The concrete possibility of realizing this right to education-**especially for girls, for girls, for future mothers in Malawi** - is a fundamental step as it is precisely knowledge, the formative construction of one's individuality within a classroom, a school, a society that can truly represent the beginning of full freedom, conscious autonomy and the hope of a **better future.**

On Feb. 14, 2022 with a beautiful celebration the brand new "Graziani Graziana" elementary school in Mponda was inaugurated, and the flag of the Republic of San Marino in the center protecting its 4,300 student.

ACHIEVEMENTS



4300

Children are welcomed every day in this school



Desks and chairs in all classrooms and school supplies



Drinking water accessible to all



Housing for teachers









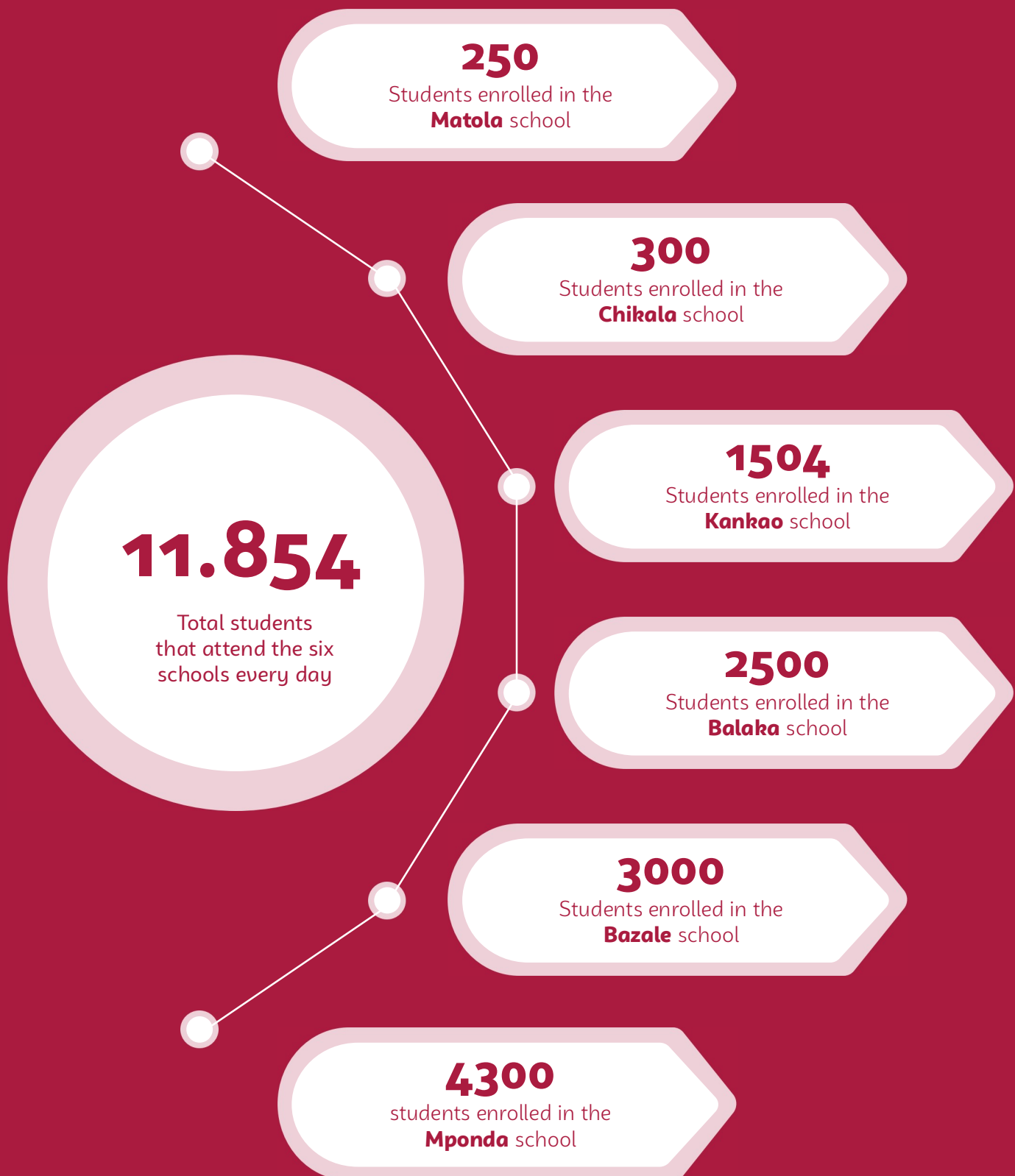






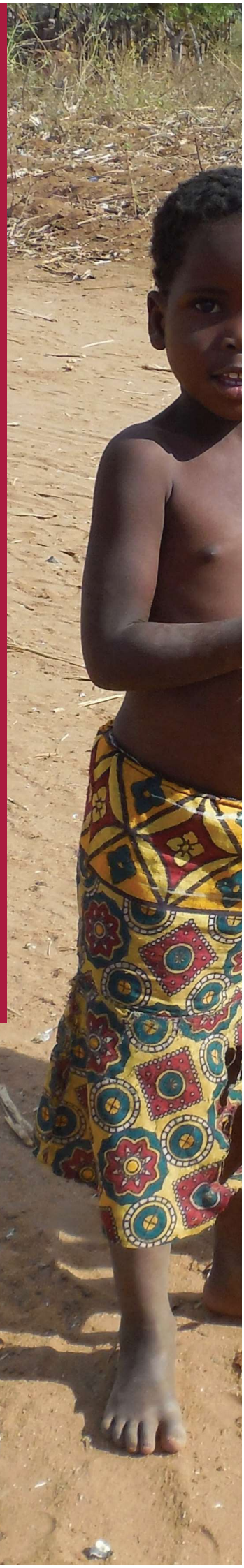
OUR SIX SCHOOLS IN MALAWI:

numbers and achievements



The education of the child shall be directed to the development of the child's personality, talents, and mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential

(Art. 29 of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 1989)













THE CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROJECT IN MALAWI

Child sponsorship generally begins due to the needs of an orphaned child. In reality, it normally concerns an entire family unit, which often consists of several children.

For a child, becoming an orphan is an extremely difficult situation as it often means being abandoned or estranged by their brothers and sisters.

The child sponsorship project was created in order to protect and help orphans reach adulthood, ensuring they continue to live with a family member (an uncle, a grandfather, etc.), who agrees to become their guardian. This guarantees that the orphans don't become street children and that they continue to live in their own village, together with their brothers and sisters.

Throughout the years, the goal of the project was to care for the children's development, providing food support, clothing, school supplies, and above all an education that would help them build their own future.

For every sponsored child, support is also provided for their brothers and sisters throughout the eight years of primary school. We have seen them grow year by year, also thanks to the pictures that we take care to send to the sponsors every year.

In some of the villages - especially the more underdeveloped ones - the standard of living has remained that of the hut, with very difficult living conditions. This is why adoption is a lifesaving instrument, and often times, the only tool we have to ensure orphans grow up in a safe environment.

We want education to be a central part of the program, therefore in order to set up a child for sponsorship it is mandatory for their future guardian to commit to sending the child to school. One of the ultimate goals of the program is to help the children access secondary school.

In order to provide support and monitor the sponsored children, the local staff meets with the families once a month.

THE RESULTS?

The majority of children that go to school are orphans.

Instead of becoming the most underprivileged members of society, child support improves the everyday life of children giving them the possibility to grow with human dignity in their own culture and surroundings and surrounded by the love of their family members.

Long distance adoption saves a child, their brothers and sisters, their families and their village. Becoming a sponsor means giving children from around the world the chance to grow up healthy, educated and safe – forever changing their life and future.





THE FOSTER HOME IN MATOLA

in partnership with the “Del Conca” Group





During our experience in Malawi, we have always paid particular attention to the conditions of orphans; often lacking primary care, they are very likely to be living off the streets, and as such, are some of the most vulnerable members of society.

Over the years, we have come to know many of these orphans and their painful stories, and as such we have decided to fund a project that would support them.

In 2011, the “Del Conca” Group (“Ceramica del Conca” and “Ceramica Faetano and Pastorelli”) heard about our experience and decided to fully support our project. As a result, two fosters home for orphaned children were built in the village of Matola.

Thanks to the important contribution made by the “**Del Conca Group**”, these houses have continued to protect the orphans of Matola for many years and have given these boys and girls a warm, loving, and safe place to stay.

These two foster homes were designed in the Matola area, where “San Marino for the Children”, together with many other supporters, has also built a nursery school and a mill.



**From left to right,
Vittorio Crescentini, Marino
Forcellini, Enzo Donald Mularoni,
Marco Mazza, Giorgio Rosti
and Stefano Ferri**





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THE MILL OF MATOLA





The economy of the village of Matola **is predominantly agricultural and is based largely on the cultivation of corn.**

The presence of large plots of land and its position near the outskirts of **Balaka, have in fact favored the development of agricultural activities in this area.** However, the lack of infrastructure and investments greatly affect its agricultural potential. Local farming is still too dependent on manual labor and is still too exposed to climatic vulnerabilities for it to develop further.

To support the development of this area – in 2011 – **the Simoncini-Galluzzi Foundation and the Most Excellent Chamber of the Republic of San Marino** financed the construction of a maize milling machine. The goal was to encourage agricultural trade and facilitate the transportation of the finished products to the village of Matola.

This project – **completed in 2012** – is still essential to all agricultural activities in Matola.



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THE DELIVERY OF THE SHIPPING CONTAINERS



The “San Marino for the Children” volunteers



Over the course of fifteen years of activity, **“San Marino for the Children”** has sent numerous shipping containers to Malawi.

Most of the containers were used to send construction materials that were not available locally, such as special metal roofs for the school (made of materials that do not overheat under the sun), metal doors, paint, and other finishing materials.

Desks, chairs, blackboards, and other school supplies were also included, to ensure students have all the equipment necessary for their education.

A number of shipping containers included photovoltaic panels, which provide the electricity necessary to activate the school lights as well as the plumbing system needed to supply drinking water to all students.

Lastly, the containers also included essential goods and clothing for orphans and the disabled.

Moving the materials and loading the shipping containers is a **demanding and tiring job, but it is also a moment filled with joy as we know how much help and relief** these shipments will bring to many people in need.



The “San Marino for the Children” volunteers

THE ZOMBA PRISON PRESCHOOL

in partnership with the Simoncini-Galluzzi Foundation





Built in 1905 to accommodate a maximum of 200 inmates, **Zomba's prison currently houses 2.300 prisoners** which live in unsanitary and precarious conditions.

In early 2013, "San Marino for the Children", with the support of the Simoncini-Galluzzi Foundation, launched a project for the construction of a preschool inside the prison, providing teaching staff, furniture, food support, as well as school supplies and teaching materials.

This preschool is especially aimed at the children of female inmates who - thanks to this project - can leave their cells (while remaining within the prison perimeter) and live their day in a healthier environment, more suitable for the growth of a child.

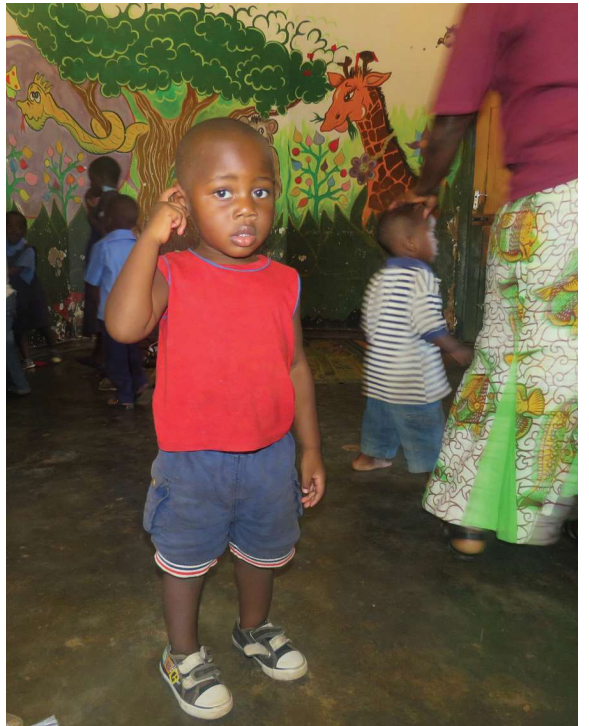
In fact, toddlers live in prison until they are five years old and then, if the mothers have not yet served their sentence in full or in the event of a life sentence, the child is removed from the mother. Sometimes, the children are born in prison and grow surrounded by brick walls, barbed wire and little traces of sky. We have decided to name the preschool **"Tikodane" which in the Chicewa language means "Let's love each other", in Zomba's prison.**

The preschool is also open to the children of the prison guards, a further chance of success for the project.

This project ended in 2020.







THE SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN IN MUA

in partnership with the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino

The school for deaf children in Mua (founded by Dutch missionaries in 1984) is one of four schools for deaf children across Malawi.

In September 2019, the classrooms and the living quarters for the older children (from 15 to 18 years of age) were completely renovated thanks to the **“Associazione San Marino” and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino.**

Over **190 students**, between the ages of 5 and 18, live in this school.

They come from all over Malawi to learn to read, write and speak; this gives them the life skills they need in order to find their place in society.

The school was in great need of renovation, especially the classrooms and the older children's living quarters; the wear and tear of time and various atmospheric agents had damaged the structure, making it an unsanitary and unsuitable home.

Thanks to the crucial support of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino (in collaboration with a few private individuals), **renovation works were completed in about one year.**

Thanks to this project, it was possible to give the school new life, supporting local educational and developmental efforts.



THE PEDIATRIC WARD IN THE VILLAGE OF MATUMBA





The Sisters of the Poor of the Palazzolo Institute of Bergamo have been present in the village of Matumba, diocese of Dedza, since 2008. Their community includes a house, a hospital, living quarters for a few nurses, and a dispensary. The village of Matumba is very poor.

The facilities of the Matumba hospital are basic, but very efficient, and provide an enormous service for an area that has more than **35.000 residents**; the hospital provides first aid, as well as primary care and vaccinations.

A special section of the hospital is dedicated to motherhood; in the last year, 696 deliveries were performed in this hospital.

Pregnant women are supported during gestation free of charge thanks to international aid programs. This has dramatically reduced child mortality, which was one of the highest causes of death in the area.

In 2019, a new project was launched by “**San Marino for the Children**”, with the aim of building a hospital ward entirely dedicated to children between **the ages of 0 and 5**. The ward was dedicated to the memory of **Raimondi Guido and Ercolani Savina**, as requested by the project's donors.

The facility is equipped with offices and vaccination clinics, a food dispensary for undernourished children, as well as a large atrium to welcome all the children waiting for their medical examination.



THE WATER PLANT IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL OF MPONDA

in partnership with the Gilberto Terenzi foundation



From left, Father Piergiorgio Gamba together to the staff of the Mponda school and Andrea Rodigari



The primary school in Mponda welcomes more than 4,300 students every day.

In order to provide drinking water for everyone, in **2020** the **Gilberto Terenzi Foundation** built a **58-meter well connected to a 5,000 liter tank and 13 faucets which provide fresh, drinking water in a 300 meter radius.**

An extremely important project that also helps fight Covid; thanks to this new system these young people can wash their hands as a tool to fight the spreading of infectious diseases and can cool themselves down from the intolerable thirst of the hottest months.

In an era in which water availability is threatened by climate change, every drop of water is more than ever a gift of life and hope for the future.



THE SEWING SCHOOL IN BALAKA

in memory of Prima Rosa Zanotti and Romano Gatti





In 2020, a sewing school was opened inside the Cecilia Youth Center of Balaka. Born from Romano's desire to honor his wife, their children later dedicated the school to both spouses.

The structure, built with the collaboration of "San Marino for the Children", is to all intents and purposes a real vocational school and issues a diploma at the end of each course. The school is an opportunity for local girls and boys to learn a profession and to build a better future for themselves.



CONTAINING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN MALAWI

in collaboration with the Simoncini Foundation





This little girl (pictured on the left) is called Sulimany, she was born in the village of Kankao on January 5th 2020. The mother, a young girl with serious psychiatric problems, abandoned little Sulimany immediately after giving birth at the hospital in Kankao, a village in Malawi where "San Marino for the Children" has launched various projects to support children.

Since then, no one has ever returned to see this little girl. The only care she receives is from the nurses and the missionary nuns present in the hospital and in the orphanage in the village of Kankao. Taking care of Sulimany and of the many other lives of Kankao has become increasingly more difficult in Malawi due to Covid-19.

To support the daily care and assistance of the needy, the Simoncini-Galluzzi Foundation, in collaboration with "San Marino for the Children", financed the local production of masks and the purchase of PPE for the medical staff in Kankao.



Volunteers of the "San Marino for the Children" non-profit organization



Back row, from left to right, Vittorio Crescentini, Tosca Pasqualini, Marino Forcellini, Sylvie Bollini, Marino Pesaresi, Marco Mazza, Marino Censoni, Matteo Bollini, Claudia Vendemini, Rosina e Giorgio Rosti

Front row, from left to right, Eleonora Pozzi, Matteo Rovinetti, Lucia Podeschi, Marta Pesaresi e Chiara Gatti



















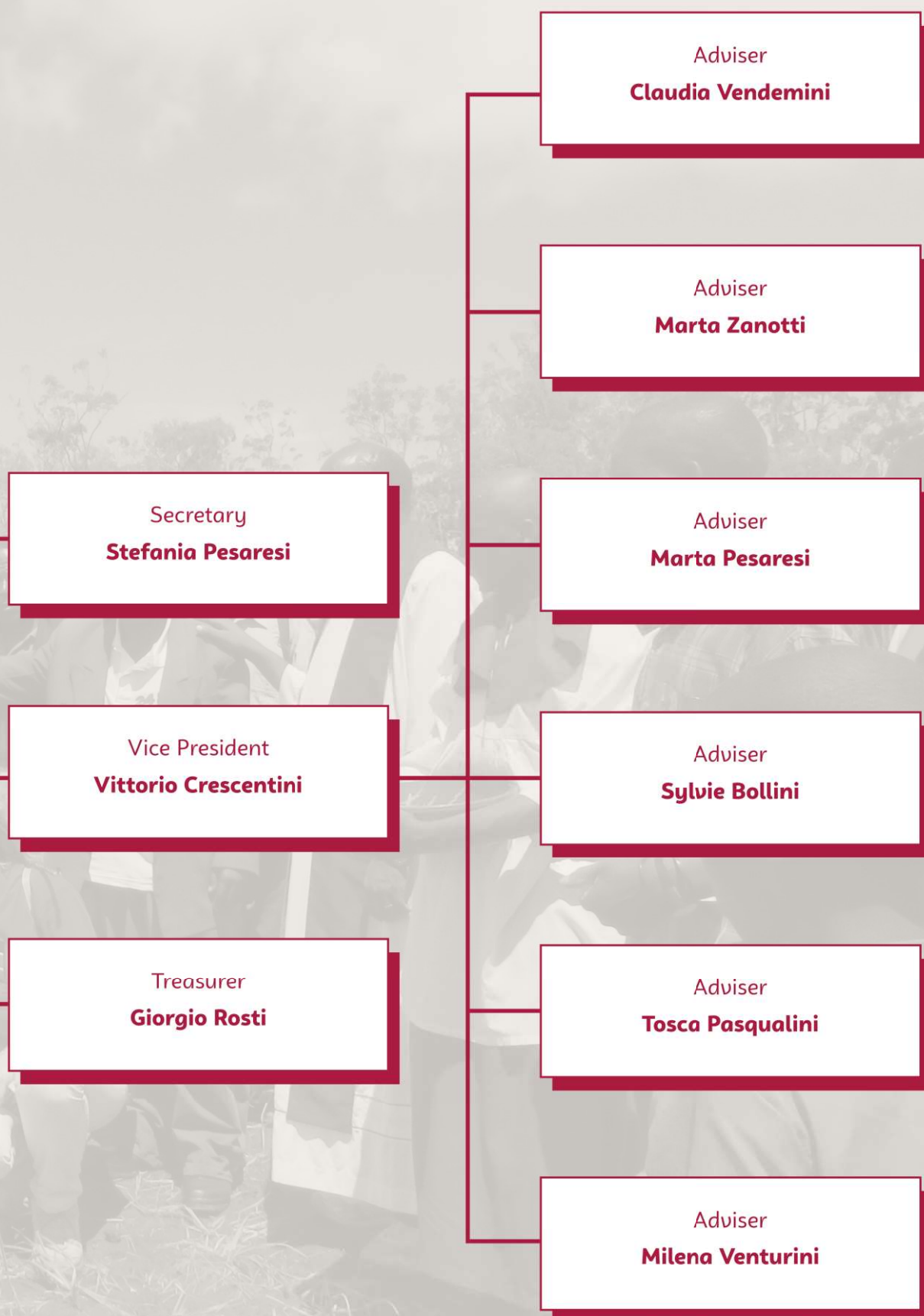
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Your help and support are essential to help us guarantee the right to education for the poorest children of the world. As the African proverb tells us, **“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”**

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*“Words move people,
examples compel them”*

This book is dedicated to Zafferani Maria Lea who made its creation possible with her donation.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million (from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1999) and the number of people in the private sector has increased by 1.5 million (from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1999) (Department of Social Security 2000).

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